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Editor's Note: The following article is excerpted from *Alabama Economic Outlook 1985: Twelve Regional Models.* The report presents economic forecasts of such indicators as income and employment for each of the twelve planning regions of Alabama through 1990. Findings are based upon the most recent forecast of the Alabama Econometric Model, developed and maintained by the Center for Business and Economic Research. The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, Office of State Planning and Federal Programs, is the publisher of the report. Ordering information is found on Page 7 of this issue.

The regions represented by the twelve planning districts which partition Alabama are widely diverse. They range from the large to the small, the urban to the rural, the industrialized to the agricultural, and the prosperous to the poor. The current economic forecast for each of the twelve regions is equally distinct from the rest.

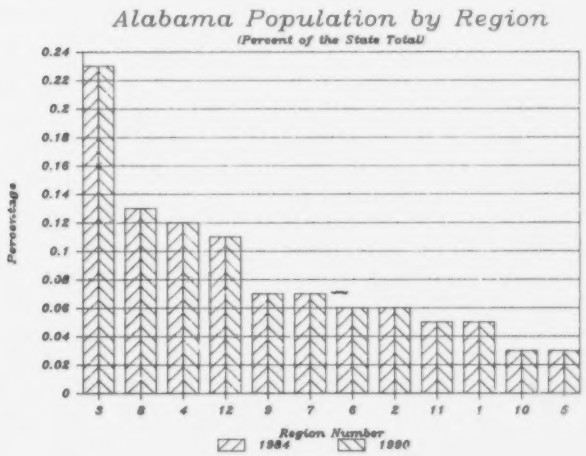

Figure 1

Figure 1 reveals Region 3, the Jefferson County area, to be the largest region within Alabama in the economic sense. Total 1984 personal income for the Jefferson County region was estimated to be $11.0 billion, more than twice that of the South Alabama region, home of Mobile, at $5.3 billion. Figure 2, per capita personal income by region, also shows the Jefferson County area on top with an annual per capita income over 15 percent above the state average of $9,935 for 1984. However, region 8 (Mobile area) ranks fourth in per capita personal income behind region 9 (Montgomery area) and region 12 (Huntsville area) at second and third respectively. Alabama's Black Belt continues to suffer with per capita personal income 20 percent below the state average, or less than $7,900 per year.

Figure 2 also reveals the great disparity in personal income in Alabama. Only four of Alabama's twelve regions are above

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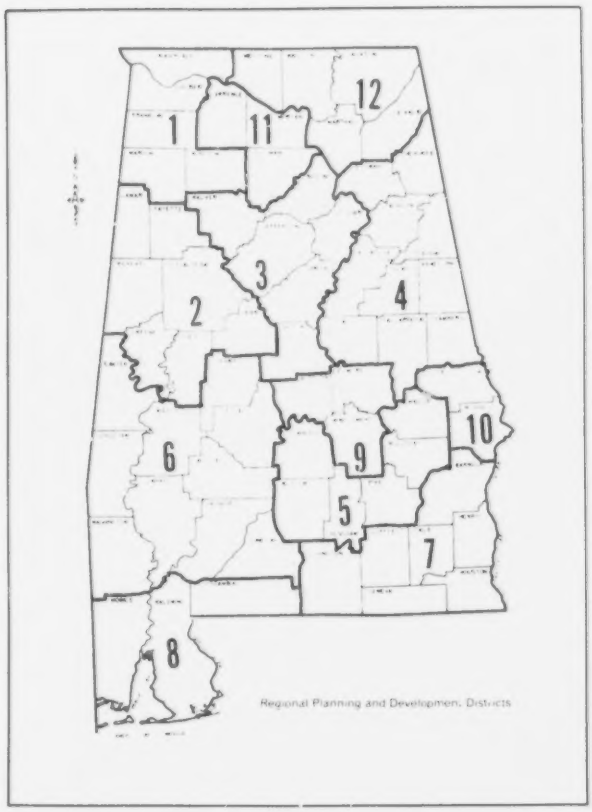

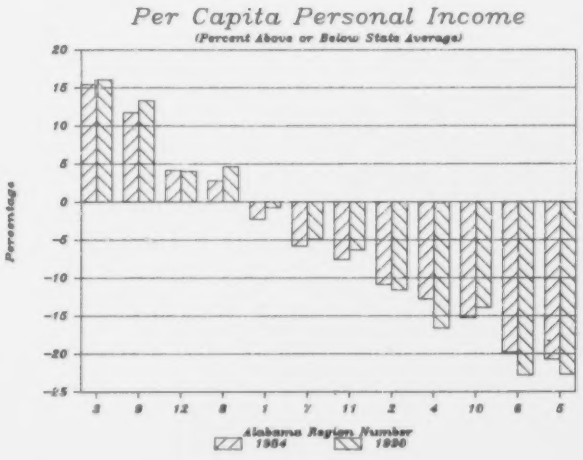

Figure 2

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1984												1985
	1983	1984	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] (1,000 net tons)	23,071	28,068	2,181	2,434	2,518	2,211	2,327	2,377	2,056	2,590	2,416	2,517	2,238	2,201	1,916
Natural gas production (1,000,000 cu. ft.)	126,576	137,180	10,962	11,264	10,750	11,386	11,920	9,984	10,667	11,898	11,371	11,742	12,156	13,079	12,825
Cotton consumption (1,000 lbs.)	360,820	338,597	28,600	31,542	29,964	27,531	30,038	26,733	23,408	29,670	28,420	30,981	26,510	25,200	25,162
Crude oil and condensate production[2] (1,000 barrels)	18,708	19,807	1,524	1,578	1,590	1,533	1,673	1,583	1,752	1,680	1,673	1,662	1,696	1,763	1,761
Electric energy consumption industrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh)	21,020	24,250	1,827	1,958	1,919	1,983	2,005	2,104	2,039	2,146	2,135	2,097	2,063	1,971	1,912
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production (1,000 net tons)	6,166	6,514	532	526	580	571	525	561	534	559	540	571	520	496	533
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] ($1,000)	2,753,700	3,030,600	224,000	156,200	243,100	174,300	571,700	231,400	210,600	383,400	202,200	230,000	235,000	168,700	215,200
Residential	1,286,500	1,228,100	96,200	78,600	125,600	104,500	117,500	114,100	105,900	163,200	96,800	84,200	90,300	51,200	87,200
Nonresidential	1,025,800	928,500	110,100	36,300	66,500	47,500	92,500	71,300	60,700	137,900	43,900	88,100	84,200	89,500	90,300
Public works and utilities	451,300	873,700	17,700	41,300	51,000	22,300	361,300	46,400	43,900	84,200	59,300	57,800	60,500	28,000	37,500
Cement consumption (1,000 net tons)	1,086	1,197	68	87	108	100	112	117	102	110	105	105	100	83	64
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] ($1,000,000)	5,263	5,887	5,289	5,323	5,389	5,387	5,416	5,492	5,544	5,606	5,681	5,740	5,805	5,887	5,961
Tax collections ($1,000)															
Total	2,288,165	2,637,841	205,929	202,747	264,652	234,338	246,438	198,192	195,871	215,569	241,633	225,955	217,523	188,995	234,054
Franchise	52,214	64,476	302	1,133	28,642	5,879	1,275	2,504	8,422	2,315	6,357	4,799	2,537	292	743
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	199,587	207,095	18,417	16,305	15,305	17,523	17,585	17,564	17,504	17,752	18,217	16,284	17,697	16,942	17,148
Income	815,838	1,009,832	49,125	95,328	130,393	82,889	130,465	81,367	42,840	90,776	92,998	48,127	88,819	76,705	65,174
Motor fuels	45,027	50,278	3,415	4,409	3,448	3,899	4,703	3,735	3,580	5,287	3,166	4,583	5,374	4,679	3,572
Oil/gas privilege	89,645	70,183	5,742	5,924	5,475	5,164	5,571	5,438	5,605	9,662	5,294	5,319	4,829	6,159	5,629
Oil/gas production	17,290	17,331	1,465	1,565	1,442	1,384	1,480	1,437	1,478	1,322	1,409	1,413	1,287	1,649	1,504
Sales	609,132	704,299	67,569	49,655	50,142	55,808	56,985	58,145	57,514	56,957	58,767	81,495	58,477	52,785	74,362
2.2% Gross receipts	46,165	54,765	13,504	152	9	13,448	210	1	13,723	.....	15	13,638	66	.....	13,643
TVA electric	31,290	36,734	5,734	.....	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867	6,895	.....	3,451	3,451	3,451
Tobacco	68,915	70,022	5,485	4,985	5,418	5,734	6,072	6,211	5,980	6,516	6,380	5,990	5,939	5,310	6,299
Use	66,519	75,723	15,067	1,975	1,045	15,351	2,019	604	16,868	1,310	1,419	18,146	1,389	531	18,440
Utility	152,287	151,261	14,760	15,900	13,171	11,714	9,654	11,225	12,587	14,277	12,234	10,527	11,889	13,322	16,356
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[5] (1967 = 100)															
All items	298.4	311.1	305.2	306.6	307.3	308.8	309.7	310.7	311.7	313.0	314.5	315.3	315.3	315.5	316.1
Food	291.7	302.9	299.4	302.1	302.2	302.3	301.4	302.0	303.2	304.8	304.2	304.4	304.1	305.1	307.3
Housing	323.1	336.5	329.2	331.0	331.5	333.2	334.6	336.2	338.1	339.5	341.4	341.2	340.9	341.2	342.0
Fuel and utilities	370.3	387.3	376.0	383.0	380.1	380.9	385.5	390.0	393.9	395.5	397.0	392.4	387.5	386.0	387.2
Apparel and upkeep	196.5	200.2	196.4	196.2	198.8	199.2	198.9	197.4	196.6	200.1	204.2	205.7	205.2	203.2	199.8
Transportation	298.4	311.7	306.0	305.8	306.9	309.6	312.2	313.1	312.9	312.9	313.7	315.5	316.1	315.8	314.7
Medical care	357.3	379.5	369.5	373.2	374.5	375.7	376.8	378.0	380.3	381.9	383.1	385.5	387.5	388.5	391.1
Energy	419.3	423.6	416.7	420.2	418.1	421.3	426.1	428.5	428.3	427.3	429.0	426.7	421.8	418.9	414.5
Producer Price Index, U.S.[6] (1967 = 100)															
All commodities	303.1	310.3	308.0	308.9	311.0	311.3	311.5	311.3	311.9	310.7	309.3	309.4	310.3	309.9	309.8
industrial commodities	315.7	322.6	319.1	320.6	321.9	322.6	323.2	323.9	323.9	323.3	322.2	323.4	323.8	323.0	323.2
Index of prices received by Alabama farmers (1977 = 100)	121.3	127.9	140.0	138.0	138.0	138.0	134.0	127.0	129.0	121.0	122.0	115.0	119.0	114.0	117.0
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. (1967 = $1.000) As measured by															
Consumer prices	335	321	328	326	325	324	323	322	321	319	318	317	317	317	316
Wholesale prices	330	322	325	324	322	321	321	321	321	322	323	323	322	323	323
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT[7]															
Civilian labor force (1,000 workers)	1,758.0	1,794.0	1,745.9	1,753.1	1,766.2	1,790.3	1,804.8	1,821.5	1,815.0	1,807.5	1,808.3	1,816.4	1,801.5	1,797.5	1,794.7
Unemployment	240.0	200.0	213.5	205.4	203.6	191.5	188.8	200.6	211.6	196.0	197.9	190.8	192.3	208.0	203.7
Unemployment rate	13.7	11.1	12.2	11.7	11.5	10.7	10.5	11.0	11.7	10.8	10.9	10.5	10.7	11.6	11.4
Employment	1,518.0	1,594.0	1,532.4	1,547.7	1,562.6	1,598.8	1,616.0	1,620.9	1,603.4	1,611.5	1,610.4	1,625.6	1,609.2	1,589.5	1,591.0
Nonagricultural	1,328.8	1,383.6	1,345.7	1,354.6	1,362.1	1,379.7	1,385.8	1,403.1	1,391.6	1,396.3	1,390.8	1,398.0	1,400.4	1,394.5	1,383.0
Manufacturing	340.9	358.5	350.5	353.3	355.9	361.4	363.1	367.2	358.8	364.6	358.3	360.5	358.8	349.0	352.1
Durable goods	159.2	173.5	165.6	168.0	170.9	173.4	174.6	177.1	175.7	176.7	176.0	175.5	175.2	173.6	172.8
Lumber and wood products	27.9	29.7	28.2	28.4	29.2	29.4	29.8	30.4	30.6	30.8	30.4	30.1	29.5	29.4	28.8
Stone, clay, glass products	8.7	8.8	8.5	8.6	8.8	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.1	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.2	8.8
Primary metals	24.8	26.4	25.2	25.5	26.4	26.6	26.9	27.0	26.5	26.9	26.5	26.2	26.6	26.3	26.4
Blast furn. and steel works	5.7	7.4	6.6	7.1	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.9	7.7	7.6	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.3
Iron and steel foundries	10.5	10.1	10.0	9.6	10.0	10.1	10.2	10.0	9.8	10.0	10.2	10.1	10.2	10.5	10.6
Fabricated metals	21.8	23.0	22.4	22.7	22.7	22.9	23.0	23.1	23.2	23.4	23.3	23.2	23.3	23.2	23.3
Machinery (excl. electrical)	15.1	17.7	16.6	16.9	17.4	17.6	17.7	18.0	18.0	17.9	18.1	17.8	18.0	18.0	18.2
Electrical, electronic equip.	21.5	23.2	22.4	22.7	22.6	22.9	23.1	23.5	23.3	23.3	23.5	23.5	23.5	23.6	22.9
Transportation	21.7	25.3	23.3	23.8	24.2	25.0	25.2	25.9	25.8	26.0	26.2	26.6	25.9	25.7	25.5
Other durable goods	17.7	19.5	19.0	19.4	19.6	20.0	19.9	20.2	19.3	19.3	19.2	19.4	19.7	19.2	18.9
Nondurable goods	181.7	184.9	184.9	185.3	185.0	188.0	188.5	190.1	183.1	187.9	182.3	185.0	183.6	175.4	179.3
Food	27.0	28.0	27.0	27.0	27.1	27.5	27.8	28.2	28.3	28.4	28.4	28.8	29.0	28.2	28.5
Textile mill products	39.1	39.3	40.4	40.5	40.6	40.8	40.7	40.2	38.5	39.8	37.7	37.8	37.5	36.9	36.6
Apparel	54.9	55.0	55.8	56.1	55.5	57.3	57.6	58.3	52.8	56.3	53.3	55.5	54.2	47.2	50.7
Paper and allied products	21.5	21.3	21.3	21.1	21.0	21.2	21.2	21.7	21.7	21.5	21.2	21.1	21.2	21.1	21.4
Printing and publishing	10.6	11.3	11.0	11.1	11.1	11.3	11.3	11.4	11.3	11.3	11.2	11.4	11.3	11.4	11.6
Chemicals and allied products	11.8	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.9	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	11.9	11.9	12.0
Rubber products	14.8	16.0	15.4	15.5	15.6	15.8	15.7	16.1	16.3	16.3	16.3	16.2	16.3	16.5	16.3
Other nondurable goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Nonmanufacturing	987.9	1,025.1	995.2	1,001.3	1,006.2	1,018.3	1,022.7	1,035.9	1,032.8	1,031.7	1,032.5	1,037.5	1,041.6	1,045.5	1,030.9
Mining and quarrying	13.7	14.4	13.8	13.9	13.9	14.2	14.3	14.6	14.6	14.7	14.8	14.2	14.6	14.7	14.7
Bituminous coal mining	10.3	9.9	9.1	9.8	9.6	9.9	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.1	9.6	10.0	10.3	10.3
Contract construction	59.8	64.5	57.8	60.1	61.2	62.8	64.2	66.8	67.4	67.4	67.9	66.2	65.2	66.6	63.7
Trans., comm., and utilities	69.7	72.1	70.3	70.6	71.0	71.5	72.3	73.4	72.7	73.2	72.5	72.7	72.5	72.4	71.4
Trade	273.3	290.3	278.1	277.5	279.9	285.4	287.7	291.3	292.1	295.2	296.3	296.2	299.9	303.5	292.5
Wholesale	70.1	73.6	70.9	71.3	71.8	72.8	73.1	74.3	74.8	74.8	74.7	74.7	75.0	74.9	74.1
Retail	203.1	216.7	207.2	206.2	208.1	212.6	214.6	217.0	217.3	220.4	221.6	221.5	224.9	228.6	218.4
Finance, insurance, real estate	59.9	62.6	60.9	61.1	61.5	61.9	62.2	63.0	63.5	63.4	63.2	63.2	63.5	63.8	63.8
Service and miscellaneous	218.9	227.5	221.4	223.1	225.5	228.6	228.3	229.6	228.6	228.6	228.9	229.8	228.6	228.7	228.6
Government	292.7	293.8	292.9	295.0	293.2	293.9	293.7	297.2	293.9	289.2	288.9	295.2	297.3	295.8	296.2
Federal	65.3	64.8	65.6	64.9	63.5	64.0	64.1	64.5	64.8	65.1	65.0	65.0	65.4	65.5	65.5
State and local	227.3	229.1	227.3	230.1	229.7	229.9	229.6	232.7	229.1	224.1	223.9	230.2	231.9	230.3	230.7

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984											1985
	1983	1984	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	207,309	212,083	17,938	16,014	16,084	14,672	17,512	13,528	20,564	20,649	16,081	21,966	18,684	13,391	21,285
Nonagricultural placements	91,100	97,761	5,741	5,509	6,477	7,082	7,314	9,582	14,871	14,203	7,719	7,844	6,543	4,876	5,229
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	428,181	435,832	75,004	29,677	28,150	24,214	25,009	23,457	50,560	37,376	29,346	36,116	35,891	41,032	74,659
Payments *($1,000)*	191,868	172,593	18,452	15,901	15,566	11,949	13,048	12,192	13,536	15,564	12,258	13,716	14,253	16,158	21,274
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,780		15,370	15,290	15,410	15,650	15,740	15,790	15,620	15,640	15,780	15,800	16,070	15,920	15,910
	14.1		11.5	10.2	9.8	9.4	8.9	8.9	8.8	8.4	9.3	8.6	10.9	10.5	10.1
Baldwin	33,830		34,420	34,700	34,800	35,000	34,840	35,460	35,830	35,400	37,450	35,440	35,630	37,380	35,550
	12.3		12.4	12.2	11.5	9.7	8.6	8.9	10.0	9.2	14.8	8.9	9.7	14.7	9.9
Barbour	11,980		11,620	11,780	11,920	12,150	12,410	12,380	12,300	12,320	12,480	12,740	12,340	12,200	11,930
	13.1		11.5	10.7	9.2	9.1	9.0	9.6	10.3	9.7	10.9	12.7	10.7	12.4	13.2
Bibb	5,940		6,090	5,910	6,130	6,320	6,270	6,370	6,320	6,380	6,310	6,250	6,300	6,210	6,210
	19.6		22.3	17.5	17.8	17.2	16.1	14.5	14.5	16.7	14.3	13.0	15.6	19.9	19.9
Blount	13,520		16,460	16,690	17,140	16,710	16,610	16,710	16,990	16,450	16,520	16,640	16,690	16,990	17,070
	18.1		12.2	12.6	17.1	10.5	9.4	9.2	11.1	8.6	9.1	9.5	10.4	11.8	12.3
Bullock	4,530		4,230	4,200	4,220	4,360	4,500	4,580	4,560	4,670	4,730	4,980	4,730	4,500	4,330
	17.2		14.3	12.8	12.4	11.3	11.1	14.8	17.1	16.9	14.4	16.0	14.8	17.6	16.8
Butler	9,900		9,590	9,550	9,630	9,770	9,810	9,880	9,920	9,870	10,000	10,190	9,710	9,650	9,560
	17.3		15.3	14.1	14.1	12.7	12.7	14.0	15.1	14.4	13.1	13.4	13.2	13.1	13.1
Calhoun	46,560		46,040	46,210	46,560	47,070	47,360	47,830	48,570	48,190	47,840	48,210	48,110	48,020	47,960
	13.1		12.1	11.5	11.4	10.1	10.0	10.6	13.7	11.7	10.5	11.2	11.5	11.2	11.4
Chambers	16,920		16,390	16,520	16,560	16,880	16,940	16,890	16,870	16,570	16,380	16,200	15,930	15,960	16,050
	9.8		8.4	8.8	8.6	8.9	10.5	10.9	11.6	9.7	9.0	6.9	8.3	8.4	9.2
Cherokee	11,400		11,400	11,310	11,400	11,800	11,930	11,130	11,580	12,090	12,320	12,290	11,620	11,080	11,000
	15.4		12.6	15.2	18.6	10.7	10.9	18.7	18.1	8.7	8.3	16.1	15.6	15.8	16.7
Chilton	15,420		16,650	16,490	16,510	15,200	16,510	16,290	16,020	16,070	15,950	16,030	15,980	15,520	15,840
	13.3		11.0	10.2	10.6	10.8	10.5	11.2	11.8	11.7	10.9	11.3	13.1	12.8	14.4
Choctaw	5,560		5,600	5,610	5,620	5,750	6,000	5,790	5,810	5,730	6,050	5,850	5,820	5,930	5,780
	15.2		13.4	14.3	14.6	12.8	13.8	14.1	16.4	14.4	22.4	15.6	15.1	22.9	16.0
Clarke	10,810		10,710	10,550	10,630	10,540	10,640	10,690	10,880	10,600	10,810	10,400	10,540	10,550	10,420
	16.2		14.3	13.4	12.8	12.2	12.7	12.9	15.0	13.1	19.8	12.9	14.0	18.7	11.9
Clay	7,520		7,260	7,330	7,450	7,590	7,760	7,600	7,560	7,740	7,740	7,670	7,610	7,580	7,530
	13.8		11.7	11.0	10.7	10.1	10.8	11.7	12.0	11.7	10.5	8.6	9.7	12.8	10.0
Cleburne	5,210		5,090	5,170	5,240	5,180	5,220	5,270	5,490	5,170	5,240	5,310	5,320	5,310	5,340
	12.5		10.4	9.9	10.2	8.6	8.6	10.5	14.2	10.0	8.1	8.2	11.7	12.0	11.6
Coffee	20,040		19,560	19,810	19,920	20,020	20,470	20,510	20,450	20,350	20,410	20,900	20,250	19,890	19,730
	10.8		9.0	9.5	9.1	7.7	8.2	8.2	8.7	7.9	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.3	7.7
Colbert	24,050		23,040	23,590	23,660	24,190	24,030	24,430	24,200	24,120	24,080	23,810	23,920	23,880	23,760
	18.5		17.4	18.5	17.2	17.2	16.1	16.2	16.7	15.4	15.2	14.7	15.5	16.6	16.8
Conecuh	7,010		6,910	6,860	6,960	7,060	7,290	7,160	7,170	7,060	7,680	7,420	7,350	7,650	7,280
	12.7		12.3	12.8	11.8	10.8	10.1	10.9	11.5	9.6	14.7	10.5	10.6	15.3	11.2
Coosa	5,570		5,480	5,510	5,470	5,550	5,590	5,570	5,540	5,620	5,770	5,710	5,700	5,690	5,830
	10.3		8.4	8.3	7.5	7.6	6.9	8.4	8.1	8.6	9.1	7.2	8.0	8.4	10.4
Covington	16,340		16,250	16,370	16,370	16,390	16,490	16,470	16,390	16,470	16,250	16,520	16,090	16,360	17,060
	12.3		11.4	12.1	10.7	9.7	9.0	9.2	10.6	9.4	8.0	8.9	8.6	10.8	15.1
Crenshaw	7,220		6,910	7,120	7,170	7,490	7,760	7,550	7,390	7,510	7,950	7,840	7,440	7,340	6,990
	12.1		10.9	10.1	11.3	9.5	10.3	9.8	10.3	9.5	16.0	8.0	9.1	16.7	10.3
Cullman	28,710		28,060	28,580	28,610	29,540	29,890	29,840	29,670	30,220	30,070	30,600	29,960	29,470	30,020
	14.7		12.8	13.1	12.4	10.4	9.7	10.3	11.0	12.3	9.6	10.4	12.3	13.9	15.3
Dale	12,980		21,860	22,120	22,560	22,880	23,040	23,070	22,850	22,690	22,960	23,210	22,920	22,640	22,630
	13.7		7.7	7.9	8.5	7.8	7.5	7.7	8.7	7.2	7.2	7.4	7.2	6.9	6.8
Dallas	23,640		22,460	22,470	22,440	22,970	23,110	23,490	23,430	23,660	23,510	23,690	23,250	23,140	23,160
	17.5		15.6	15.3	14.8	15.1	14.3	15.4	16.3	16.9	16.0	16.5	16.0	15.8	15.4
DeKalb	29,950		29,340	29,500	29,680	30,760	31,290	31,700	32,030	31,660	31,050	31,330	30,940	30,670	30,670
	13.8		13.0	11.3	11.1	10.2	9.9	10.5	10.9	9.5	9.7	10.2	10.8	12.4	12.6
Elmore	20,770		20,130	20,220	20,460	20,770	21,020	21,130	20,890	20,900	20,940	21,020	20,910	20,810	20,960
	12.2		8.6	8.1	8.1	7.6	7.7	7.9	7.8	7.3	7.5	7.0	7.4	7.4	7.7
Escambia	17,430		17,620	17,700	17,500	17,980	18,220	18,470	18,270	18,140	18,610	18,100	18,270	18,360	18,070
	12.6		12.7	12.0	10.9	10.6	11.1	10.6	10.8	10.1	16.9	10.3	11.8	17.0	11.0
Etowah	42,450		41,830	41,830	41,990	42,410	42,270	42,710	43,080	43,190	43,200	43,020	42,890	42,870	42,270
	17.5		14.4	14.0	13.5	13.0	11.9	12.1	13.7	13.3	13.4	13.5	13.9	14.7	14.3
Fayette	10,170		10,080	10,200	10,340	10,460	10,550	10,460	10,390	10,570	10,580	10,570	10,610	10,440	10,510
	11.7		9.4	8.7	9.1	8.6	8.2	8.7	9.8	10.1	8.9	10.3	10.5	12.2	14.6
Franklin	14,200		14,350	14,780	14,990	14,950	15,090	15,200	15,340	14,930	14,520	14,610	14,550	14,560	14,420
	18.2		24.0	21.1	20.9	17.5	17.1	15.6	20.8	17.3	16.2	15.7	17.9	18.9	20.5
Geneva	11,400		11,170	11,110	11,270	11,620	11,940	12,220	12,060	11,740	11,920	12,370	11,900	11,560	11,620
	10.5		9.2	8.5	8.4	8.1	7.6	7.5	9.4	7.2	6.8	8.3	8.3	8.9	10.6
Greene	4,610		4,550	4,840	4,600	4,730	4,690	4,820	4,800	4,840	4,910	4,880	4,750	4,740	4,660
	16.7		19.4	18.3	16.5	15.8	14.7	15.3	15.7	15.8	18.3	17.0	17.4	20.8	20.2
Hale	5,310		5,440	5,280	5,290	5,480	5,530	5,490	5,630	5,480	5,580	5,590	5,490	5,480	5,290
	16.6		19.9	17.6	16.3	16.0	14.6	16.5	20.6	17.3	16.7	14.8	16.3	18.3	16.9
Henry	7,260		6,860	6,940	6,920	7,290	7,590	7,400	7,250	7,320	7,580	7,750	7,480	7,150	7,090
	11.2		10.5	9.3	8.0	8.1	8.3	9.0	10.4	9.7	9.6	9.0	10.3	10.2	13.4
Houston	40,070		35,420	35,360	35,890	36,480	37,040	37,110	36,930	36,460	36,860	37,340	37,050	36,620	36,730
	10.8		9.8	8.7	8.9	8.4	8.9	9.1	10.5	8.5	8.5	8.8	9.1	8.8	9.1
Jackson	20,800		19,700	19,790	19,630	20,060	19,920	19,700	20,260	19,550	19,420	19,710	19,840	19,840	19,240
	22.0		19.7	19.7	17.8	15.5	14.3	15.5	21.3	15.4	14.0	14.1	14.7	19.3	14.8
Jefferson	310,270		297,210	297,930	301,260	304,620	305,490	309,490	308,440	305,990	304,420	305,220	300,770	301,180	300,140
	12.8		10.8	10.2	10.5	10.0	9.7	10.1	10.1	9.8	9.5	9.5	8.8	8.8	8.6
Lamar	8,820		8,980	9,030	9,170	9,320	9,410	9,550	9,490	9,320	9,410	9,480	9,530	9,460	9,520
	9.8		7.8	7.2	6.8	6.5	7.1	8.5	8.8	7.4	7.0	6.5	7.2	7.1	8.0
Lauderdale	34,810		34,540	35,110	35,360	35,530	35,540	36,270	36,170	36,140	35,930	35,880	35,660	35,060	35,300
	16.9		16.4	16.9	16.0	14.6	13.9	14.4	15.5	14.4	13.9	14.2	14.0	13.8	15.1
Lawrence	14,490		13,310	13,450	13,390	13,670	13,810	13,600	13,510	13,400	13,390	13,470	13,330	13,010	13,230
	16.7		17.3	17.0	15.7	15.8	15.6	14.6	15.2	13.7	13.5	13.0	14.6	14.8	15.3
Lee	36,140		37,610	37,950	37,890	38,470	39,050	39,330	38,290	38,310	37,820	38,820	39,080	38,850	39,030
	8.4		6.4	6.3	5.8	6.2	6.1	7.6	7.4	7.3	6.9	6.8	6.1	5.7	6.5
Limestone	23,940		19,330	19,610	19,540	20,140	20,400	20,170	20,060	20,130	20,650	21,100	20,830	20,740	20,810
	11.0		12.2	12.2	11.7	11.1	10.3	10.7	11.4	11.0	10.0	9.6	9.2	10.4	10.8
Lowndes	5,320		4,960	4,990	4,970	5,070	5,150	5,160	5,110	5,150	5,180	5,150	5,190	5,070	4,890
	17.6		18.2	17.0	16.8	20.1	18.4	19.3	20.4	19.9	18.9	17.1	16.4	16.7	16.9
Macon	8,000		7,870	7,900	7,810	7,960	8,040	8,390	8,360	8,310	8,070	8,540	8,300	8,210	8,220
	13.5		11.2	10.4	9.7	10.0	9.6	13.9	13.8	13.6	11.6	10.6	9.5	9.4	10.3
Madison	100,410		112,770	112,750	114,780	115,640	117,260	119,290	118,900	119,890	119,640	121,170	120,430	120,830	122,530
	9.2		8.3	7.6	8.0	7.1	6.8	7.2	7.3	6.6	6.3	6.8	6.3	6.7	7.9
Marengo	9,920		9,320	9,310	9,470	9,470	9,670	9,800	10,000	9,760	10,250	9,960	9,720	9,930	9,530
	15.4		13.5	12.8	13.5	12.2	12.0	13.3	15.7	12.3	20.0	13.9	12.3	18.8	13.3
Marion	13,760		13,340	13,310	13,340	13,520	13,630	13,770	13,810	13,680	13,530	13,710	13,620	13,750	14,000
	19.4		16.8	15.3	15.3	13.5	12.0	11.5	13.4	14.7	14.0	15.4	16.5	19.6	21.6
Marshall	34,920		31,980	32,330	32,630	33,010	33,400	33,460	33,720	33,060	33,120	33,390	32,900	33,560	33,140
	13.0		13.7	13.6	12.6	11.5	10.7	11.5	16.1	11.3	10.8	10.7	10.8	17.9	14.3
Mobile	163,820		160,150	160,530	161,840	164,630	165,770	168,260	167,720	167,210	164,480	166,680	165,400	164,050	164,810
	15.9		14.4	13.7	13.5	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.6	12.7	11.8	11.9	11.6	11.6	11.7

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984												1985
	1983	1984	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rate) —continued															
Monroe	10,770	.....	10,770	10,810	10,760	10,940	10,830	11,010	10,900	10,950	12,520	11,050	11,170	11,940	10,790
	12.6	.....	14.1	13.4	12.4	12.1	10.2	12.7	12.5	11.9	32.7	13.2	14.4	31.2	13.9
Montgomery	92,650	.....	93,450	94,230	94,780	96,410	97,250	98,700	97,650	97,560	97,000	98,200	97,130	96,920	97,010
	10.6	.....	9.5	9.4	8.8	8.5	8.3	9.4	9.3	8.7	8.2	8.4	8.3	8.6	8.3
Morgan	37,990	.....	37,780	37,860	38,240	39,280	39,640	40,140	39,680	39,200	39,070	38,880	38,390	38,300	38,560
	14.5	.....	12.9	12.1	12.5	11.6	11.2	11.7	11.9	11.0	11.2	10.9	10.8	10.6	11.7
Perry	5,860	.....	5,540	5,410	5,500	5,680	5,770	5,920	5,890	5,970	5,990	6,030	6,130	6,010	5,900
	14.8	.....	20.9	14.1	11.5	10.4	10.0	10.9	12.1	11.8	10.8	10.0	16.4	21.2	18.9
Pickens	7,630	.....	7,110	7,110	6,980	7,040	7,200	7,270	7,170	7,140	7,030	7,070	7,000	6,900	6,960
	17.7	.....	16.6	16.1	15.4	15.3	17.3	16.2	16.3	15.5	13.8	13.8	16.7	16.8	17.0
Pike	13,770	.....	13,100	13,240	13,470	13,550	13,690	13,670	13,440	13,680	13,470	14,570	13,800	13,060	13,770
	13.7	.....	11.1	10.9	11.6	9.5	9.0	10.1	10.4	10.2	10.3	8.7	8.7	10.7	8.7
Randolph	9,170	.....	8,940	8,880	8,590	8,610	8,740	8,780	9,160	8,770	8,720	8,930	8,790	8,590	8,680
	17.8	.....	16.4	14.7	15.3	13.2	13.3	14.4	22.2	17.0	15.7	14.1	12.0	10.7	11.6
Russell	18,320	.....	19,240	18,610	18,540	18,830	19,090	20,460	19,650	19,310	19,040	19,190	20,070	19,480	19,950
	13.7	.....	16.2	13.0	11.2	11.3	11.8	17.1	13.4	10.9	10.8	11.1	14.7	12.3	14.7
St. Clair	19,350	.....	19,070	19,280	18,930	19,290	19,260	19,490	19,350	19,370	19,750	19,460	19,670	19,910	20,100
	14.2	.....	12.8	12.9	10.7	10.8	10.1	10.4	10.1	10.6	12.4	10.9	12.5	13.4	14.3
Shelby	30,510	.....	31,510	31,400	31,150	31,780	32,170	32,780	32,640	32,170	31,760	31,990	31,940	31,650	31,640
	12.4	.....	12.0	10.9	9.5	9.7	10.3	11.2	11.2	10.3	9.3	9.7	10.2	9.2	9.3
Sumter	6,990	.....	7,000	6,990	7,180	7,560	7,360	7,470	7,220	7,070	7,270	7,470	7,180	7,220	7,160
	14.3	.....	11.0	9.9	11.0	12.3	9.9	12.8	13.3	12.7	10.7	10.1	11.5	13.5	13.5
Talladega	32,030	.....	30,420	30,300	30,690	31,050	31,150	31,970	31,250	31,530	32,230	30,750	31,360	31,140	31,230
	17.1	.....	14.3	13.9	14.5	14.7	14.3	16.1	15.5	16.7	20.8	14.3	16.9	16.9	18.3
Tallapoosa	16,580	.....	16,760	16,910	17,070	17,350	17,370	17,850	17,780	17,810	17,290	17,290	17,160	17,010	17,120
	12.2	.....	9.9	9.5	9.4	8.7	8.4	9.6	10.0	10.4	9.1	9.2	9.4	9.6	11.4
Tuscaloosa	56,520	.....	56,690	56,900	57,710	58,580	59,210	58,230	57,550	58,040	58,450	58,940	58,770	58,670	57,840
	10.4	.....	10.4	9.9	10.1	9.1	10.0	10.0	9.8	9.8	8.7	9.1	9.0	9.1	9.1
Walker	32,980	.....	32,520	32,540	32,630	32,170	32,380	32,440	32,410	32,240	32,110	32,340	33,040	33,830	33,630
	16.1	.....	15.9	15.2	14.8	12.1	12.2	11.6	11.8	11.8	11.5	12.0	14.4	16.3	15.9
Washington	6,380	.....	6,210	6,320	6,510	6,450	6,680	6,460	6,620	6,410	6,730	6,670	6,450	6,380	6,280
	20.0	.....	16.1	16.3	16.6	15.6	18.7	17.6	21.5	18.2	20.8	18.8	16.9	19.4	17.8
Wilcox	5,860	.....	5,340	5,370	5,260	5,420	5,580	5,800	5,680	5,620	5,530	5,540	5,370	5,190	5,070
	20.3	.....	16.9	16.2	15.9	15.3	15.7	15.9	16.7	15.3	14.7	14.2	13.5	13.3	12.4
Winston	9,150	.....	9,150	9,400	9,160	9,200	9,410	9,290	9,080	9,060	9,060	9,450	9,370	9,530	9,420
	18.6	.....	21.8	24.0	19.0	17.5	18.6	16.5	17.4	17.5	17.1	20.5	21.1	24.4	25.6
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value ($1,000)	643,182	726,362	51,145	40,064	53,684	72,261	83,186	44,217	90,034	54,364	68,859	64,093	41,830	62,625	64,445
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs.)	6,288	9,484	583	508	232	718	905	769	988	1,019	1,032	971	477	1,282	1,044
Exports															
Value ($1,000)	788,611	622,949	69,760	39,449	46,631	32,516	60,111	47,488	31,808	44,217	42,139	62,763	80,528	65,538	59,759
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs.)	9,496	21,911	1,731	1,283	1,667	2,096	1,930	1,915	1,292	2,293	1,719	2,353	1,892	1,739	2,201
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[4] (1,000 tons)	34,916	38,790	3,017	2,522	3,015	3,110	3,266	3,413	3,307	3,549	3,362	3,445	3,524	3,262	3,151
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh)	23,017	24,285	2,494	2,093	1,793	1,604	1,607	1,968	2,445	2,384	2,339	1,861	1,785	1,911	2,108
Gasoline sales[5] (1,000 gallons)	1,661,406	1,905,260	150,958	141,858	162,105	162,606	162,470	161,968	163,798	168,845	150,779	163,960	157,127	158,793	156,773
New passenger car registrations[6] (number)	122,393	141,890	10,453	11,116	11,051	11,616	13,890	12,648	12,806	12,579	10,981	11,452	11,547	11,757	10,748
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals[7] ($1,000,000)															
Food	.....	3,645	288	281	305	305	301	303	311	309	310	303	303	326	298
General stores with food and gas	.....	174	13	12	14	15	15	16	15	15	15	15	14	15	12
General merchandise	.....	2,381	157	144	176	191	191	196	176	190	181	185	238	355	152
Apparel	.....	567	35	34	46	52	45	47	41	48	45	46	52	76	35
Furniture, furnishings, etc	.....	543	41	40	44	43	44	45	47	46	43	46	49	55	41
Automotive	.....	3,082	211	234	275	259	281	288	268	281	243	257	244	239	220
Gasoline service stations	.....	296	22	22	25	25	26	26	26	26	24	26	23	24	26
Lumber and building materials	.....	889	55	61	73	77	81	82	79	80	79	81	76	66	55
Hardware and farm implements	.....	427	27	29	37	39	40	40	38	38	37	37	35	31	28
Eating places	.....	1,288	95	97	112	102	104	106	112	117	110	109	106	117	91
Drug stores	.....	263	22	21	21	21	24	25	19	21	20	20	21	29	26
All other retail	.....	2,156	153	156	173	175	176	181	169	185	178	181	188	240	164
Total sales by retail concerns	.....	5,711	1,117	1,130	1,302	1,304	1,329	1,354	1,301	1,356	1,287	1,306	1,350	1,574	1,147
Nonretail and unclassified concerns	.....	2,616	190	188	213	214	228	228	218	228	231	226	213	239	180
Total all sales at retail	.....	8,327	1,308	1,317	1,516	1,517	1,557	1,582	1,519	1,584	1,518	1,532	1,563	1,813	1,328
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties[7] ($1,000)															
MSAs															
Anniston	.....	507,386	36,224	36,378	42,586	42,254	43,098	43,687	41,927	42,701	41,637	43,294	43,844	49,756	35,818
Birmingham	.....	5,029,312	350,980	363,629	421,267	417,088	429,623	433,990	415,969	441,422	425,360	418,764	423,738	487,482	363,788
Dothan	.....	644,419	43,801	47,680	53,484	52,862	56,011	57,229	53,804	54,947	50,933	54,512	54,202	64,954	45,457
Florence	.....	610,909	42,222	43,478	50,265	51,026	51,571	52,273	51,039	52,208	49,285	51,825	52,344	63,373	41,760
Gadsden	.....	458,838	32,543	32,362	37,607	38,361	38,951	39,527	41,772	41,115	37,069	38,403	36,980	44,128	31,593
Huntsville	.....	1,047,628	74,343	77,028	85,504	85,693	88,098	89,139	86,505	89,814	84,822	87,016	91,909	107,757	74,202
Mobile	.....	2,098,398	149,193	150,675	173,138	177,426	179,624	185,901	179,416	184,099	170,511	173,205	174,277	200,933	145,886
Montgomery	.....	1,428,542	99,383	102,858	116,574	117,041	122,705	124,747	119,637	122,001	117,358	116,380	124,547	145,311	103,425
Tuscaloosa	.....	630,909	47,063	45,373	51,856	50,659	52,063	53,322	51,062	55,373	53,489	53,149	52,954	64,546	43,339
Counties															
Autauga	.....	96,536	6,750	6,981	7,967	8,238	8,135	8,431	8,420	8,196	8,064	7,952	8,236	9,166	7,346
Baldwin	.....	341,015	22,302	24,510	28,073	28,689	30,045	30,896	31,162	31,427	28,055	28,024	27,651	30,181	22,589
Barbour	.....	71,477	4,951	4,784	5,878	5,893	6,202	6,334	6,188	6,656	5,584	6,075	6,127	6,805	5,290
Bibb	.....	41,373	2,797	2,970	3,282	3,314	3,674	3,711	3,266	3,621	3,269	3,500	3,782	4,187	2,830
Blount	.....	88,952	6,056	6,129	6,974	7,144	7,750	7,927	7,471	8,243	7,348	7,950	7,425	8,535	6,744
Bullock	.....	25,444	2,107	2,142	2,143	2,123	1,977	2,001	2,014	2,106	2,178	1,842	2,110	2,701	2,033
Butler	.....	65,479	5,521	4,604	5,453	5,554	5,364	5,473	5,667	5,679	5,721	5,140	5,499	5,804	4,969
Calhoun	.....	507,386	36,224	36,378	42,586	42,254	43,098	43,687	41,927	42,701	41,637	43,294	43,844	49,756	35,818
Chambers	.....	106,953	8,075	7,893	9,214	9,079	9,382	8,917	8,913	8,922	8,447	9,078	9,170	9,863	7,935
Cherokee	.....	47,842	3,446	3,634	3,913	4,128	4,340	4,432	3,861	4,172	3,756	4,012	3,773	4,375	3,674
Chilton	.....	99,718	6,947	7,004	8,129	8,266	8,494	8,634	8,029	8,510	8,074	8,747	8,778	10,106	7,313
Choctaw	.....	36,146	2,995	2,759	3,203	3,039	2,922	3,007	3,097	3,197	2,818	2,780	2,941	3,388	2,921
Clarke	.....	98,456	6,232	7,229	8,280	8,615	7,937	8,061	7,671	8,821	8,248	8,654	8,747	9,961	7,683
Clay	.....	26,350	1,884	1,877	2,294	2,220	2,239	2,285	2,169	2,259	2,186	2,167	2,221	2,549	1,776
Cleburne	.....	22,148	1,686	1,611	1,937	1,951	1,986	2,000	2,093	1,897	1,753	1,868	1,706	1,660	1,505
Coffee	.....	185,334	13,469	14,295	16,957	16,213	16,490	16,275	14,951	15,276	14,579	14,314	14,941	17,574	13,077

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984												1985
	1983	1984	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert		249,524	17,564	18,128	20,907	21,049	21,733	22,029	21,510	21,616	20,071	20,899	20,375	23,643	16,707
Conecuh		37,451	2,505	2,723	3,441	3,132	3,069	3,034	2,968	2,860	4,321	2,822	2,948	3,628	2,637
Coosa		8,918	619	528	723	714	700	671	760	825	813	842	827	896	732
Covington		136,688	9,580	10,588	12,109	11,557	11,618	11,836	11,245	12,003	11,049	11,301	10,887	12,915	9,607
Crenshaw		30,657	2,377	2,302	2,509	2,537	2,532	2,581	2,452	2,337	2,174	2,658	3,064	3,134	2,455
Cullman		237,425	15,926	16,817	19,756	20,046	20,196	20,945	20,006	19,894	19,136	21,040	20,312	23,351	15,962
Dale		104,456	7,035	7,619	8,766	8,492	8,857	8,984	8,944	8,834	8,998	8,753	9,014	10,250	6,483
Dallas		198,614	14,219	14,086	16,687	16,519	17,220	17,386	16,274	16,456	16,157	17,081	17,087	19,442	14,968
DeKalb		179,580	13,350	13,024	13,813	14,701	15,505	15,837	14,959	15,492	14,940	15,244	15,783	16,932	11,961
Elmore		101,881	7,199	7,516	8,428	8,221	8,665	9,047	8,624	9,008	8,778	8,136	8,317	9,742	7,326
Escambia		141,613	9,860	10,622	12,089	12,450	11,746	11,940	11,383	11,532	11,247	12,245	11,873	14,626	10,242
Etowah		458,838	32,543	32,362	37,607	38,361	38,951	39,527	41,772	41,115	37,089	38,403	36,980	44,128	31,593
Fayette		64,898	4,728	4,969	5,815	5,400	5,683	5,755	4,967	5,280	5,730	5,116	5,075	6,380	3,916
Franklin		99,382	6,716	7,347	8,516	8,423	8,434	8,631	8,147	8,527	8,164	8,013	8,734	9,730	7,630
Geneva		144,657	10,841	11,558	11,995	12,075	12,455	12,502	11,657	11,901	11,842	11,645	12,609	13,577	11,057
Greene		18,254	1,270	1,281	1,564	1,492	1,614	1,639	2,061	1,610	1,381	1,489	1,392	1,461	1,152
Hale		31,273	2,239	2,395	2,767	2,573	2,805	2,854	2,527	2,783	2,601	2,520	2,507	2,702	2,461
Henry		35,702	2,323	2,465	3,030	3,011	2,956	3,011	2,953	2,999	3,276	2,790	3,220	3,668	3,135
Houston		539,963	36,766	40,061	44,718	44,370	47,154	48,245	44,860	46,113	42,025	45,759	45,188	54,704	38,974
Jackson		136,207	9,261	9,452	10,927	10,913	11,322	11,636	11,259	12,662	11,325	12,047	12,000	13,403	9,839
Jefferson		4,275,583	298,341	310,000	360,061	355,191	363,008	366,614	351,913	374,428	363,267	354,768	360,155	417,837	305,811
Lamar		37,829	2,691	2,901	3,797	3,127	3,428	3,472	3,123	3,078	2,963	2,950	3,146	3,153	2,721
Lauderdale		361,385	24,658	25,350	29,358	29,977	29,838	30,244	29,529	30,592	29,214	30,926	31,969	39,730	25,053
Lawrence		51,680	3,647	3,475	4,135	4,216	4,585	4,677	4,108	4,442	4,234	4,400	4,537	5,224	3,860
Lee		345,920	24,947	24,526	28,202	28,137	29,207	29,589	28,061	29,065	29,660	29,300	30,458	34,768	23,567
Limestone		161,194	11,168	11,418	13,548	13,572	14,093	14,358	13,124	13,880	13,397	13,071	13,888	15,677	11,856
Lowndes		16,772	1,280	1,215	1,337	1,380	1,462	1,480	1,336	1,366	1,365	1,422	1,382	1,747	1,366
Macon		44,969	3,851	3,179	3,476	3,651	3,754	3,835	3,767	4,289	3,993	3,646	3,601	3,927	3,550
Madison		1,047,628	74,343	77,028	85,504	85,693	88,098	89,139	86,505	89,814	84,822	87,016	91,909	107,757	74,202
Marengo		68,938	5,603	5,112	5,668	5,439	5,510	5,634	5,465	5,847	5,486	5,753	6,240	7,181	5,376
Marion		95,248	6,860	7,017	8,213	7,474	7,926	8,139	7,811	7,993	7,848	7,633	8,320	10,014	7,418
Marshall		338,804	22,754	23,969	27,934	28,111	29,288	29,820	28,261	29,634	28,249	28,193	29,471	33,120	25,563
Mobile		1,757,383	126,891	126,165	145,065	148,737	149,579	155,005	148,254	152,672	142,456	145,181	146,626	170,752	123,297
Monroe		102,557	6,167	6,518	8,373	7,656	7,711	7,937	7,721	9,954	9,182	8,969	11,469	10,900	6,003
Montgomery		1,230,125	85,434	88,361	100,179	100,582	105,705	107,269	102,593	104,797	100,516	100,292	107,994	126,403	88,753
Morgan		452,095	30,391	31,383	36,643	37,601	38,520	39,123	36,426	38,736	37,971	38,261	40,320	46,720	37,704
Perry		25,137	1,688	1,870	2,145	2,028	2,148	2,171	2,096	2,313	2,378	2,162	1,992	2,146	1,694
Pickens		41,257	2,964	2,925	3,487	3,625	3,638	3,686	3,447	3,564	3,315	3,586	3,285	3,735	2,719
Pike		90,330	6,442	6,699	7,666	7,344	7,577	7,498	7,147	7,892	7,630	8,004	7,706	8,725	7,118
Randolph		57,861	5,140	4,642	4,900	4,443	4,788	4,861	4,674	4,446	4,674	4,793	5,179	5,321	5,361
Russell		121,271	8,180	8,983	10,008	9,962	10,377	10,404	10,384	10,772	10,002	10,333	10,093	11,773	8,501
St. Clair		120,905	8,317	9,182	10,380	9,984	10,753	10,936	10,100	10,278	10,194	10,524	9,502	10,755	8,843
Shelby		252,103	17,848	17,886	21,005	20,782	22,707	22,932	21,957	23,309	20,502	21,052	20,654	21,469	19,724
Sumter		30,816	2,342	2,163	2,866	2,444	2,410	2,508	2,530	2,556	2,431	2,602	2,888	3,076	2,194
Talladega		239,763	17,279	17,186	19,187	20,357	22,808	21,292	20,634	19,730	18,615	19,161	20,017	23,497	17,474
Tallapoosa		127,086	9,468	9,644	10,653	11,075	11,406	11,589	10,720	10,378	9,840	10,110	10,508	11,695	8,169
Tuscaloosa		630,909	47,063	45,373	51,856	50,659	52,063	53,322	51,062	55,373	53,489	53,149	52,954	64,546	43,339
Walker		291,769	20,418	20,432	22,847	23,987	25,405	25,581	24,528	25,164	24,049	24,470	26,002	28,886	22,666
Washington		21,437	1,576	1,619	1,720	1,825	1,931	1,971	1,695	2,022	1,791	1,896	1,622	1,769	1,442
Wilcox		27,979	2,385	2,092	2,419	2,249	2,406	2,468	2,356	2,313	2,227	2,290	2,188	2,586	1,979
Winston		71,144	4,972	5,188	6,015	6,159	6,434	6,439	5,736	6,070	5,970	5,642	5,906	6,613	5,296
Statewide[1]		972,040	84,042	63,303	74,534	77,098	75,460	77,990	76,183	82,132	83,029	86,026	85,961	106,282	82,662
BUILDING PERMITS[2]															
Alabama															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	1,079,085	1,258,032	65,449	75,497	99,328	193,079	97,366	115,116	99,776	147,117	80,497	84,514	95,153	105,139	60,081
Residential	449,881	438,383	24,927	38,376	39,447	46,811	38,102	43,568	36,909	42,389	33,332	36,966	36,682	20,874	25,969
Nonresidential	366,127	586,743	22,711	21,524	32,351	130,709	42,724	53,582	44,597	79,263	27,171	29,249	36,821	66,040	21,592
In selected cities															
Anniston															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	8,848	8,869	595	644	790	788	915	842	833	749	694	737	669	613	659
Residential	3,593	3,530	247	255	317	317	408	324	322	317	248	256	255	263	258
Nonresidential	932	1,213	75	93	126	113	117	139	104	92	90	95	93	76	111
Birmingham															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	213,343	104,141	5,689	4,413	8,945	7,619	5,562	8,258	8,169	14,214	10,005	5,797	12,365	13,105	5,535
Residential	31,921	15,598	1,100	1,574	2,100	2,551	814	1,299	763	1,285	1,271	1,076	963	802	773
Nonresidential	108,370	25,706	985	530	1,071	90	768	2,963	2,369	1,967	3,606	4,675	1,568	5,114	2,057
Decatur															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	14,095	18,028	912	1,111	1,075	1,106	1,520	1,342	1,909	2,170	1,767	1,920	1,720	1,476	1,444
Residential	7,340	11,596	673	845	739	739	1,096	925	1,080	1,357	1,053	1,142	1,052	897	814
Nonresidential	2,156	2,744	73	81	115	139	172	171	355	429	318	347	294	249	283
Dothan															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	18,943	17,520	1,075	1,064	1,558	1,353	1,326	1,514	901	1,599	1,344	1,857	2,461	1,458	967
Residential	7,760	6,718	444	631	685	695	448	759	182	226	370	670	1,405	203	324
Nonresidential	6,339	5,473	457	100	452	518	238	257	125	641	666	860	680	483	58
Gadsden															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	13,596	9,310	656	530	214	565	1,351	865	166	260	886	2,546	1,057	215	123
Residential	2,000	2,129	110	57	92	347	976	219	26	74	46	53	128	.....	56
Nonresidential	3,912	5,826	24	452	102	163	122	493	101	143	813	2,331	894	188	40
Huntsville															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	122,759	147,927	6,115	16,817	12,836	8,111	13,997	13,853	14,007	14,163	6,626	8,187	13,808	19,407	6,178
Residential	51,350	55,064	2,203	7,732	4,874	4,843	3,753	6,032	3,331	6,078	2,825	2,982	8,817	1,593	2,863
Nonresidential	45,128	73,370	2,270	5,358	7,169	2,413	8,366	5,970	9,394	6,045	3,339	3,835	3,266	15,945	2,668
Mobile															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	109,508	254,605	3,718	5,366	17,080	116,254	6,250	36,928	6,707	4,020	6,484	10,322	10,320	31,156	7,730
Residential	38,261	26,314	984	1,470	1,424	2,639	2,009	6,935	3,208	1,071	1,201	2,636	1,673	1,065	1,478
Nonresidential	49,663	197,690	1,419	2,488	4,160	112,221	3,331	28,665	2,127	1,153	3,886	2,288	7,264	28,688	5,120

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984												1985
	1983	1984	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
BUILDING ACTIVITY —CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	76,984	94,862	14,164	5,100	6,477	6,330	6,994	7,007	8,192	8,070	7,254	8,188	11,037	6,049	5,354
Residential	32,619	35,697	2,436	2,131	2,462	2,509	2,493	2,528	3,504	3,361	2,991	3,262	5,463	2,557	2,140
Nonresidential	28,264	46,198	9,934	1,882	2,727	2,496	3,043	3,059	3,719	3,896	3,407	4,000	5,193	2,943	2,750
Quad-Cities[11]															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	12,978	39,267	2,642	1,410	4,666	2,443	4,910	1,260	2,227	1,799	2,246	1,917	800	12,947	681
Residential	6,391	7,172	480	754	1,298	700	792	323	633	721	533	430	381	129	351
Nonresidential	3,506	23,675	207	585	3,031	1,079	3,887	614	1,265	160	196	323	178	12,150	46
Selma															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	4,197	7,002	1,826	213	219	1,019	356	158	994	184	819	380	309	212	36
Residential	357	643	.....	.....	24	87	82	117	148	75	.....	76	35	.....	36
Nonresidential	798	1,908	3	133	36	717	35	.....	7	.....	617	4	188	167	.....
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	30,159	34,459	1,505	2,647	3,328	1,804	4,323	4,183	1,719	2,805	2,463	2,228	3,713	3,739	1,420
Residential	14,849	15,717	1,032	1,163	2,097	988	2,153	1,284	737	1,634	1,356	799	1,268	1,218	992
Nonresidential	6,227	10,707	132	929	573	277	1,529	1,901	615	360	552	1,145	864	2,029	130

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding. "Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.
[1]Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.
[2]These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of F. W. Dodge Div., McGraw-Hill Information Co.
[3]End-of-month balance.
[4]Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.
[5]These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.
[6]Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.
[7]Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[8]Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.
[9]These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of R. L. Polk and Company.
[10]Retail sales data represent sales at retail, **which are subject to sales tax** as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the *Census of Retail Trade*. **Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figure for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.**
[11]Represents permits issued by selected permit-issuing places. Private construction only. May be partially estimated by the Bureau of the Census. "Reported value" includes additions and alterations and is not a sum of residential and nonresidential.
[12]Quad-Cities and consists of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia.

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Orders are now being accepted for the *Alabama Economic Outlook 1985: Twelve Regional Models*, the latest product of the Alabama Econometric Model. The report presents economic forecasts for each of the twelve planning regions of Alabama through 1990.

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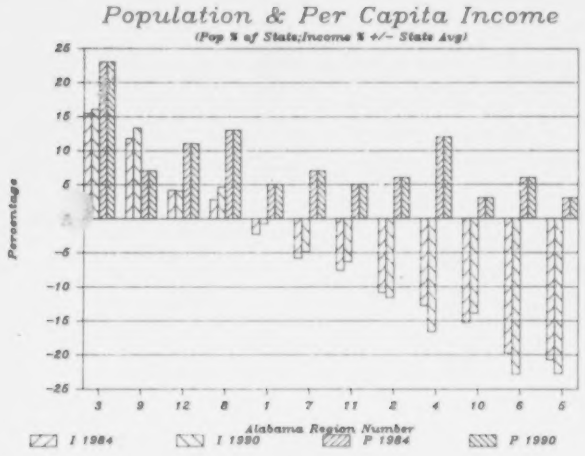


Figure 3

the state average. This means that much of the state's wealth is concentrated in these four urban areas with the remaining eight below the state average by 2 to 20 percentage points. Of these eight, five have annual per capita incomes more than 10 percent below the state average. Figure 3 combines plots of per capita personal income and regional population as a percentage of the state total. Focusing on those regions with per capita personal income below the state average, the population plots show that approximately 40 percent of Alabamians live in these eight low income areas.

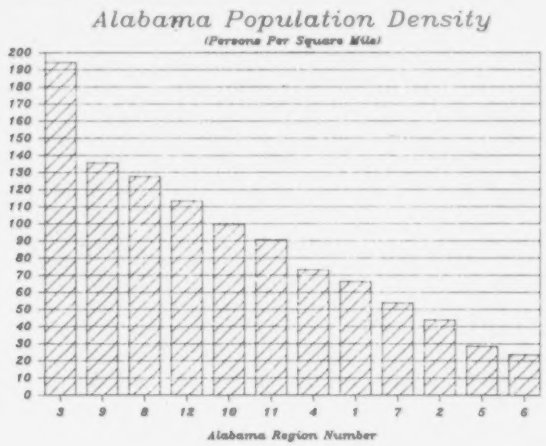
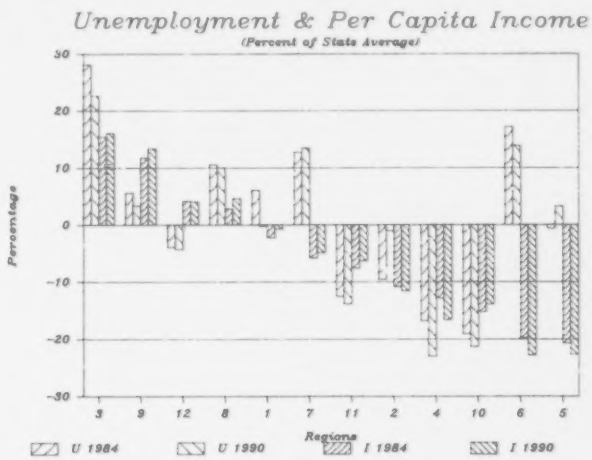


Figure 4

Figure 4 highlights the population density of Alabama's major urban centers. The Jefferson County area, with a population density of over 190 persons per square mile, is Alabama's most highly concentrated region. Like most large industrial centers, the Jefferson County region suffers from high unemployment. Figure 5 profiles Alabama's unemployment and per capita income figures, revealing the seemingly incongruous combination of high unemployment and high per capita personal income within the same region. Regions 3 (Birmingham area), 8 (Mobile area), and 9 (Montgomery area) all reflect higher than average unemployment and per capita personal income. Region 12 (Huntsville area) shows the pattern of a new industrial community with lower than average unemployment and higher than average per capita personal income. The emergence of new industry can also be seen in the rising wage rates in the region. Table 3 reports current and forecasted average annual wage and salary income per employee.

Regions 1 (Quad Cities area), 7 (Dothan area), 5 (the south central area), and 6 (southwest area) are light industrial regions suffering cyclical unemployment and the consequent loss of income. These same regions also show the lowest wages of all Alabama's regions. Alabama's rural regions, typical of agricultural counties, are marked by lower than average unemployment and lower than average per capita personal income. This pattern can be seen in Figure 5 for regions 10 (Lee County area), 11 (Cullman-Decatur area), and 4 (Anniston-Gadsden-Talladega area).



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